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DEPTTEL CIRCULAR 670 FEBRUARY 11.

IN VIEW OF PRIME MINISTER'S PREVIOUSLY REPEATED REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH KING SAUD, I CALLED ON HIM FEBRUARY 13 TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL.

HE WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT SAUD VISITING SPAIN AND NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES EN ROUTE TO SAUDI ARABIA. HE SAID OUR AGREEMENT PROVIDE AIR TRAINING AND AUGMENTED ARMY PROGRAM PRESUMABLY MEANT EGYPTIAN MILITARY ADVISERS WOULD LEAVE SAUDI ARABIA. HE HOPED SAUD WOULD ENSURE THIS AT EARLY DATE.

I INQUIRED IF CONSIDERATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO POSSIBLE VISIT BY KING SAUD TO IRAQ (EMBTTEL 1347). NURI SAID SUCH VISIT WAS POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY BUT HE WOULD NOT FAVOR IT UNTIL SAUD HAD RETURNED TO NEAR EAST AND HAD HAD HIS MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN, SYRIAN AND JORDANIAN LEADERS. I SURMISE THAT NURI DOES NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO BE TRYING TO INFLUENCE SAUD UNDULY THROUGH ISSUING INVITATION AT THIS TIME AND WOULD PREFER BE ABLE ASSESS MATTER IN LIGHT DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWING SAUD'S RETURN.

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